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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 3784 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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SUBJECT: PRESS PLAY ON US SEVENTH FLEET UNITS
NEAR BAB EL MANDAB

1. DECEMBER 3 CAIRO PRESS CARRIED REPORTS FROM NEWS AGENCY
SOURCES ON "URGENT EXPLANATION" REQUESTED BY PDRY, THROUGH
BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ADEN, OF PRESENCE OF UNITS OF US
SEVENTH FLEET NEAR BAB EL MANDAB.

2. SUBJECT HAS MOVED FROM NEWS REPORTS INTO EDITORIAL PAGES
DECEMBER 4. AHRAH'S DAILY EDITORIAL SAYS NOT ONLY PDRY BUT
EGYPT TOO SHOULD WONDER ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF US SEVENTH
FLEET WARSHIPS NEAR BAB EL MANDAB. EDITORIAL STATES THAT
MOVES OF SEVENTH FLEET CALLS FOR EGYPT TO VIEW US POSITION
WITH SUSPICION, AND NOTES THAT SUCH MOVES GIVE IMPRESSION
THAT US IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON SOME ARAB
REGIMES AND UNDERMINE ARAB SOLIDARITY. EDITORIAL STATES
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SUCH ATTEMPTS ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE.

3. COMMENT: PRESS HANDLING OF MATTER IS STILL RELATIVELY
LOW KEY. WE HAVE THUS FAR HAD NO QUERIES OR OTHER COMMENTS
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